

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT,

October 21st, 1884.

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden,
Superintendent.

Sir;

In reply to the Directors' letter to you of 20th inst, relative to the small percentage of gold coin made during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1884, in proportion to the amount worked, I have the honor to state that this small percentage is entirely due to the amount worked during the Second Quarter of 1884.

During the first three Quarters of the fiscal year we worked only 1114,331³⁰ ounces of gold, whilst during the last Quarter we worked 394,245²⁵ ounces. The character of the copper used in the ingots of which this last

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last quarter's amount is made up, was so bad, that nearly one-half of the amount (to wit: 165,380 ²⁵ ounces,) was returned as "Chips" (i.e. broken at rolls.) The percentage of coin to the amount worked for this quarter is .23 p.c., and the total amount worked during the quarter being nearly two and three quarters greater than during the preceding three quarters, of course reduced the percentage on the whole.

From the 144,331 ³⁰ ounces worked during the first three quarters of the fiscal year, we produced .40⁶ per cent of coin, a fair average for small gold.

This will be apparent to the Director by referring to the Coiner's Monthly Reports

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Reports of April, May and June 1884, and in order to complete his file of those Reports on the new blank form, I enclose a copy of April workings.

It is hardly fair to report this Institution as producing but 27 p.c. of coin under the circumstances. The Coiner should not be held responsible for bad ingots, and as in some instances, during the quarter named, almost entire deliveries of ingots were returned, after passing the rolls, it is not proper to count these workings in making up the per centage.

Then the work of the Department in gold has been confined to the smaller denominations, which always produces a less per centage.

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percentage of coin to amount worked, than
can be shown with Double Eagles.

A fair estimate of the percentage
for last fiscal year would be 40 p.c.,
as is shown whenever good ingots have
been furnished.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servant

O. C. Bodysheer

Coiner.

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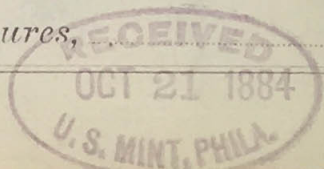
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Coiner.

In reference to Director's
letter relative to the
small percentage of
gold coin made during
fiscal year ending June
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[Abstract:] In reference to Director's letter relative to the small per centage of gold coin made...

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In reply to the Director's letter to you of 20th inst., relative to the small per centage of gold coin made during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1884, in proportion to the amount worked, I have the honor to state, that this small per centage is entirely due to the amount worked during the second quarter of 1884.

During the first three Quarters of the fiscal year we worked only 144,331.30 ounces of gold, whilst during the last Quarter we worked 394,245.25 ounces. The character of the copper used in the ingots of which this last quarter's amount is made up, was so bad that nearly one-half of the amount (to wit: 165,380.75 ounces) was returned as "Chips" (i.e. broken at rolls). The percentage of coin to the amount worked for this quarter is .23 p.c., and the total amount worked during the quarter being nearly two and three quarters greater than during the preceding three Quarters, of course reduced the percentage on the whole.

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Then the work of the Department in gold, has been confirmed to the smaller denominations, which always produces a less per centage, per centage of coin to amount worked, than can be shown with Double Eagles.

A fair estimate of the percentage for last fiscal year would be .40 p.c., as is shown whenever good ingots have been furnished.

Very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant
O.C. Bosbyshell, Coiner